



# Church of the Nativity, Hamilton

## Holy Eucharist

### The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024



## Web Edition

*Called to Life — Compelled to Love*



The territory where the Church of the Nativity resides has long been tended by many Indigenous peoples including the Neutrals, the Mississauga, the Anishinaabe, and the Haudenosaunee. With them, we are members of the Dish with One Spoon wampum, and we will strive to live up to our responsibility as treaty members and respect the history, spirituality, and culture of the nations of this place and the heritage and gifts of Métis people.

**May our actions be guided by our commitment to reconciliation.**

All are welcome in the worship and fellowship of the Church of the Nativity.  
May you find grace and hope in this service.

*Streaming:* Our principal services are streamed to YouTube. We try to minimize individuals' appearances on camera. The beginning of the streaming is marked with an announcement, and then the service will continue as follows.

Prelude

*Music is offered to provide a time for quiet prayer and preparation.*

*A bell is rung, and the service begins.*

*Opening Hymn*

*# 560 God, Whose Almighty Word <sup>1</sup>*

**God, whose almighty Word chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight: hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel-day sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light!**

**Saviour, who came to bring on your redeeming wing  
healing and sight, health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind, now to all humankind  
let there be light!**

**Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy Dove,  
speed on your flight! Move on the water's face  
bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light!**

**Gracious and holy Three, glorious Trinity,  
wisdom, love, might, boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride: through the world far and wide  
let there be light!**

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

The Collect <sup>2</sup>

Let us pray.

Suffering God,

when in whose name we seek glory for ourselves,  
cast down all our idols

and direct our hearts to him who bears our wounds and is our peace,  
Jesus Christ, the true God and servant of all;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

God for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

# Unfolding the Scriptures

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

A reading from the book of Job.

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

‘Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

‘Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

‘Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,

so that a flood of waters may cover you?

Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go

and say to you, “Here we are”?

Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,

or given understanding to the mind?

Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?

Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,

when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together?

‘Can you hunt the prey for the lion,

or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,

when they crouch in their dens,

or lie in wait in their covert?

Who provides for the raven its prey,

when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?

*Job 38. 1 – 7, 34 – 41*

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104

*Benedic, anima mea*<sup>3</sup>

Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!  
You are clothed with majesty and splendour.  
**You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak  
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.**

You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above;  
you make the clouds your chariot;  
you ride on the wings of the wind.  
**You make the winds your messengers  
and flames of fire your servants.**

You have set the earth upon its foundations,  
so that it never shall move at any time.  
**You covered it with the deep as with a mantle;  
the waters stood higher than the mountains.**

At your rebuke they fled;  
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.  
**They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath,  
to the places you had appointed for them.**

You set the limits that they should not pass;  
they shall not again cover the earth.  
**O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
**Alleluia!**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

‘You are my Son,

today I have begotten you’;

as he says also in another place,

‘You are a priest for ever,

according to the order of Melchizedek.’

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*Hebrews 5. 1 –10*

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The acclamation is sung*

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, ‘Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.’ And he said to them, ‘What is it you want me to do for you?’ And they said to him, ‘Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.’ But Jesus said to them, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?’ They replied, ‘We are able.’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.’

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, ‘You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the

Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

*Mark 10. 35 – 45*

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Apostles' Creed <sup>4</sup>

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

✠ God of grace,  
✠ **hear our prayer.**

Confession & Absolution <sup>5</sup>

Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,  
welcoming sinners and inviting us to this table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us.**  
**We confess that we have honoured you with our lips,**  
**but have harmed our neighbours with our tongues.**  
**The cravings at war within us**  
**cause conflicts and disputes.**  
**In our desire to be first**  
**we make distinctions among ourselves.**  
**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**  
**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**  
**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,**  
**and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,**  
**our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you!  
**And also with you.**

## **Celebration of the Holy Eucharist**

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Offertory Hymn # 415 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*<sup>6</sup>

*Refrain:* **All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.**

**Each radiant flower that opens,  
each vibrant bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colours,  
God made their lively wings. *Refrain...***

**The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruit in the garden,  
God made them every one. *Refrain...***

**The rocky mountain splendour,  
the loon's wild, haunting call,  
the great lakes and the prairies,  
the forest in the fall. *Refrain...***

**God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell**

**how great is the Creator,  
who has made all things well. Refrain...**

### Prayer over the Gifts <sup>7</sup>




Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.  
By these gifts and with our lives,  
    help us to serve one another and all in need,  
    through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.  
**Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving <sup>8</sup>

May God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Thanks and praise belong to you, Lord God, now and forever,  
    because when you laid the foundations of the earth  
        the morning stars sang together  
        and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy.  
You called your chosen people  
    to be a priestly kingdom and a holy nation,  
    and to Jesus you said, "You are my Son, today have I begotten you."  
Although he was your Son,  
    he learned obedience through what he suffered on the cross;  
    and having been made perfect,  
        he became through the resurrection  
        the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.  
And so with all the company of heaven we sing your song of glory.   



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est,



ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bles-sed is the One who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est,



ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Humble God, in Christ you were great among us by being our servant,  
and you were first among us by becoming slave of all.

We rejoice to be here

because in Jesus you gave us your life as a ransom for many.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us as we sit at your right and left hand,  
sharing the cup that you drink.

By that same Spirit, sanctify these gifts of bread and wine,  
that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,  
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,

“Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

“Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Our God and King, in the power of your Holy Spirit  
visit all who live under tyranny today.

Lift up the hearts of your children  
who languish with loud cries and tears.

Deal gently with the ignorant and the wayward,  
since in Christ you took on the mantle of our weakness.

Inspire your church to become the high priest of all creation,  
and make your people perfect through obedience.

Hasten the day when heaven comes to earth,  
and the world is full of your glory,

ever one God, gracious Father, servant Son, gentle Spirit,  
Trinity of mercy and love.



A musical score for a piano accompaniment of the word 'Amen'. The score is written on a grand staff with a treble and bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 8/8. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'A - men, A - men, A - men.' are written below the notes. The first two measures are marked with a repeat sign. The final measure has a fermata over the note.

**Amen, amen, amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,  
let us pray as Jesus teaches us in the language and version of our comfort:

### **Our Father**

**in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory  
are yours, now and for ever.**

**who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever**

**Amen.**

*We keep silent and pray for a short time.*

## The Breaking of the Bread <sup>9</sup>

“I am the bread of life,” says the Lord.  
“Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;  
whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who trust in God!**

## Communion <sup>10</sup>

Jesus welcomes you to this table.  
Come, here is your God.  
**Thanks be to God!**

*All who are unable to be physically present to receive the eucharist may wish to pray one of the following prayers of reception for spiritual communion <sup>11</sup>:*

I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in bread and wine, and present in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart; may you, present in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul; may you, who gives yourself to us again, fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your kingdom shall come on earth as it is heaven. Amen.

*or*

Come, Lord Jesus, and make in my heart your dwelling place and home. I seek to love you with all my heart, mind, soul and strength, and so, through your presence in bread and wine I receive you afresh and praise you for you are my God. As you fill me, so may my love for you and for all your people, rise and overflow, that with joy and thanksgiving I may serve you in the world you love. Amen.

*or*

Jesus, I believe that you are present with us in the sacrament of bread and wine. I love you and I desire your presence afresh in my life. Since I cannot now receive the bread and wine of the altar, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself to you; never let me be separated from you. Amen.

**Where charity and love prevail,  
there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ's love,  
by love are we thus bound.**

**With grateful joy and holy fear  
his charity we learn;  
let us with heart and mind and soul  
now love him in return.**

**Forgive we now each other's faults  
as we our faults confess;  
and let us love each other well  
in Christian holiness.**

**Let strife among us be unknown,  
let all contention cease;  
be his the glory that we seek,  
be ours his holy peace.**

**Let us recall that in our midst  
dwells God's begotten Son;  
as members of his body joined,  
we are in him made one.**

**Love can exclude no race or creed  
if honoured be God's name;  
our common life embraces all  
whose Father is the same.**

Holy God,  
you have welcomed us to this meal  
and fed us with dignity at your table.  
Send us now to welcome others  
and to be at peace with one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Generous God,  
**you have fed us at your heavenly table.**  
**Kindle us with the fire of your Spirit**  
**that when the Lord comes again**  
**we may shine as lights before him,**  
**who is alive and reigns in glory for ever.**  
**Amen.**

Parish Announcements

Blessing

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
All ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,  
praise him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:  
hast thou not seen how thy entreaties have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:  
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
if with his love he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen sound from his people again:  
gladly for aye we adore him.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God!**

# The Anglican Church of Canada's 2025 Canadian Church Calendar



This year, the theme of the calendar is *Pathways*. With a range of photos featuring our beloved churches across the country, you'll enjoy the spectacular pictures. Reserve a copy through the office **before November 26<sup>th</sup>**! Calendars purchased through the office will cost \$10.

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## **Your Daily Prayers are Requested:**

### ***For the Church:***

For Susan our bishop;  
and for & all the people of the Diocese of Niagara;  
For the parish of St. John, Stewarttown,  
for Audrius, and the people of that parish;  
For Anne, our Metropolitan Archbishop and Acting Primate;  
For the worldwide Anglican Communion,  
remembering the Anglican Church of Rwanda;

### ***For those in our parish cycle of prayer:***

For Mary; for Elsa; for Diane;

### ***For the needs of the world:***

### ***For peace:***

For peace especially in Ukraine, South Sudan, Yemen, Gaza, Palestine,  
Israel, and all places of conflict

### ***For those we know in need of healing:***

### ***For those who have died, and those who mourn:***

**Thank you for your daily prayers  
for the people, worship, fellowship, and ministries  
of the Church of the Nativity**

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God,  
and in loving member of Robert Kerr.  
Given by Erin and Grace.*



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